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THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUED THE
FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 12:

"TITLE: EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS IN TURKEY RECEIVING U.S.
EMERGENCY AID

1. THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS PROVIDING A
200,000 DOLS GRANT TO THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS FOR
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE SURVIVORS OF THE EARTHQUAKE
THAT STRUCK EASTERN TURKEY SEPTEMBER 6.

2. EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY,
WILLIAM MACOMBER, JR., DONATED 25,000 DOLS OF U.S. FUNDS
FOR DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE.

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3. THE AID GRANT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES FOR USE BY THE TURKISH RED CRESCENT SOCIETY TO HELP SUPPORT THE RELIEF OPERATION.

4. THE 23-SECOND EARTHQUAKE, WHICH STRUCK A REMOTE SECTION OF EASTERN TURKEY, KILLED AT LEAST 3,000 PEOPLE, INJURED 5,500 AND PRACTICALLY DESTROYED LICE, A TOWN OF 9,000, AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES. ALTOGETHER, ABOUT 6,200 BUILDINGS (MOSTLY PRIVATE HOMES) WERE DESTROYED. AN ESTIMATED 40,000 PEOPLE NEED EMERGENCY SHELTER AND OTHER RELIEF ASSISTANCE.

5. IN ADDITION TO U.S. ASSISTANCE, SUBSTANTIAL AID IS BEING PROVIDED BY NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES OF MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD.

6. THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY HAS APPROPRIATED 34 MILLION DOLS FROM ITS DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS FOR RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION IN THE RAVAGED REGION." KISSINGER

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